

# Village of Wampsville

**February 1, 2021**

The meeting of the Village of Wampsville Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:35pm in the Village Hall, located at 118 N. Court St. Wampsville, NY.

**In Attendance:** Mayor: Gerald Seymour Jr.  
Trustees: Douglas Bailey, Ellen Bowe, Dawn Collins  
Clerk/ Treasurer: Maddison Jaquin  
Village Attorney: Heather Denby  
Event Committee: Lori Seymour  
Others: John Pinard, Town of Lenox Supervisor

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Recited at 6:35pm

**Public Comment:** None.

**Village Attorney:** Heather Denby states she will investigate where the old court files need to go and who is responsible for the maintenance of such files.

**Planning:** Lori Seymour, Planning Board member, shares what the Planning Board has been working on with Madison County regarding the comprehensive plan including but not limited to: continuing the sidewalk, forming a group of volunteers to clean out the canal and possible Kayak access sites. The Planning Board is looking for one more member.

Motion to approve last month's meeting minutes made by Ellen Bowe. Douglas Bailey seconds.

Discussion: None.

Record to Vote: All in favor – motion carried.

**Financials:** Maddison Jaquin, Clerk, provides revenues and expenses for January 2022 and asks for approval to pay for Planning Board member training for all planning board members as well as herself. Board agrees.

**Clerk's Comments:** Maddison Jaquin asked the Board of Trustees for a motion to amend the budget as follows: Move \$3831 from A-3410.49 with \$3775.22 going to A-3410.27 and \$55.34 going to A-8340.4. Move \$661.16 from line A-1990.0 with \$59.11 going to A-3125.44 and \$602.05 going to A-3410.43.

Motion to amend the budget per the Clerk's request, mentioned above, was made by Dawn Collins. Doug Bailey seconds the motion.

Discussion: Providing description for which account codes they were.

Record to Vote: All in favor – motion carried.

**Event Committee:** Mrs. Lori Seymour shares that Rita's Retreat; the Tuesday morning social hour is going great. Lori exclaims the group that attend Rita's Retreat has really taken interest in planning future events here in Wampsville. Doug Bailey shared he had a lovely time and felt very welcomed at Rita's Retreat earlier in the day. Lori also states Marcia Rafte has been a tremendous help getting residents and nonresidents to attend.

**Fire Department:** Jerry Seymour, the Mayor, shared that the Fire Department is doing some revamping themselves including new cabinets, table and furniture.

**Town of Lenox:** John Pinard, Town of Lenox Supervisor, announces Town of Lenox will start plowing the streets of Wampsville as they had just purchased a truck that can handle the narrower roads. Unfortunately, the truck is on backorder as many vehicles are in this current economy. John Pinard exclaims this will come to no additional cost to the Village of Wampsville and plans to talk to Jerry Seymour, Mayor, in regard to establishing a formal agreement. John Pinard plans to reduce taxes incrementally over the next few years. He also has been working with DPW to plan a yearly clean up for large items residents have a tough time getting rid of such as old appliances and loveseats. He plans to provide more information come time. Ellen inquired if the Town of Lenox still had a grant writer. John informed they no longer had a grant writer.

**Building Grant:** The building grant is coming along. The mayor submitted another \$31,500 to be reimburse per the grant, leaving another \$20,000 left. Jerry was proud to share we the Village used 12 local businesses to finish the work here at Village Hall.

**Sign:** The electronic sign is to be installed within the next two weeks.

### **Clean Energy Communities Grants:**

The mayor explains that the woman that helped with the LED light grant contacted him about qualifying for another grant. There are 4 qualifiers to get \$5,000. The 4 qualifiers are, LED lights, adopt the NYS unified Solar Permit, benchmarking and provide proof there has been savings from the new furnace. Jerry Seymour explains to the Board that out Codes enforcer already uses the NYS Unified Solar Permit so we would just have to formally adopt it and benchmark municipal buildings. He then asks the Board to make a motion for a Public Hearing to do just that.

Ellen Bowe makes a motion to have a Public Hearing to adopt the NYS Unified Solar Permit already being used by our Codes enforcer on 3/1/2022 at 6:30 pm. Doug Bailey seconds the motion.

Discussion: Board Members questioned if this was regarding solar farms. The mayor, Jerry Seymour and the clerk confidently ensures this is just a permit form for residential solar panel installation and has no relation to solar farms as Wampsville already has a zoning law about that.

Record to Vote: All in favor – motion carried.

Dawn Collins makes a motion to have a Public Hearing to benchmark the municipal buildings. Doug Bailey seconds the motion.

Discussion: None.

Record to Vote: All in favor – motion carried.

**Mayor's Comments:** Mayor states sales tax revenue for 2021 was \$103,00 and is projected to be up 17%. Jerry also asks for a Budget Meeting before the next Board Meeting.

Ellen makes a motion to have the Budget meeting on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 5:30pm. Doug Bailey seconds the motion.

Discussion: Coordinating best time and date.

Record to Vote: All in favor – motion carried.

**Adjourn:**

Ellen Bowe makes a motion to adjourn at 7:52 pm. Douglas Bailey seconds the motion.

Discussion: None.

Record to Vote: All in favor – motion carried.